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AIR POLLUTION DUE TO PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers using pesticides rich in carcinogenic pollutions like Endosulfans are causing air pollution in Delhi air as reported in the Hindustan Times dated November 3,2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the study conducted by the United Nations Environment Programme and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe has found heavy contents of pesticides in the capital's air; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) In the Hindustan Times of November 3, 2007 , a news item had appeared about the use of pesticides causing air pollution in Delhi. No such information is available at present with the Government about the use of pesticides rich in carcinogenic pollutants like Endosulfans causing air pollution in Delhi and about any such study conducted by the United Nations Environment Programme and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.